

CHAPTER NO. 465

HOUSE BILL NO. 297

By Representatives Maddox, Ridgeway, Pinion, Ronnie Cole, Tidwell

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1437

By Senator Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-102-137, relative to fire drills.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-102-137(b), is amended by deleting the words "Fire drills shall be held at least twice a month", and by substituting instead the language "Fire drills requiring full evacuation shall be held at least once a month during the school year, with an additional fire drill to be conducted within the first thirty (30) days of operation".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-102-137, is further amended by adding a new subsection (f) which shall read as follows:

(f) In addition to the fire drills required by this section in educational occupancies, safety drills not requiring full evacuation of all persons from the building shall be conducted at least three (3) times during each school year. A record of all safety drills, including the time and date, shall be kept in the respective school offices, and shall be made available upon request to the State Fire Marshal, the State Fire Marshal's Deputies or Assistants for inspection and review.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply at the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year.

PASSED: May 28, 1999


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17th day of June 1999


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR